



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6573

LCO No. 4370

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE IDENTIFICATION OF REFUGE AREAS FOR
USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation
2 shall identify locations in proximity to interstate highways which shall
3 serve as refuge areas during inclement weather. Upon order of the
4 Governor, refuge areas shall be made available to motor vehicles
5 which leave highways during inclement weather. Refuge areas may
6 include state parks, commuter parking lots, parking areas at state
7 facilities and, with the permission of private property owners, private
8 property. Any private property owner who allows his or her property
9 to be used as a refuge area during inclement weather shall be held
10 harmless against any liability claims resulting from the use of such
11 property as a refuge area during inclement weather.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation
13 shall prepare a plan, within available appropriations, identifying (1)
14 locations that may be used as refuge areas during inclement weather,
15 and (2) methods, policies and procedures for their use, and shall
16 submit such plan to the joint standing committee of the General

- 17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation not
18 later than October 1, 2011.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide refuge areas for motor vehicles that leave highways during inclement weather.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]